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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO THE PRC - RICHARD HART

REF: HONG KONG 5805

UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL WE QUERIED PRCLO MAY 21 AS TO
REASON CTS HAD NOT RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE VISAS
TO HARTS. PRCLO OFFICIAL KNEW OF NO REASON FOR DELAY AND
PROMISED TO CHECK ON THE MATTER IMMEDIATELY. HE LATER
CALLED BACK TO SAY THAT PRCLO HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BY PEKING
TO SAY THAT HARTS COULD APPLY FOR VISAS THROUGH THE CHINA
TRAVEL SERVICE IN HONG KONG, AND HE ASSUMED THEY STILL MIGHT
HAVE TO WAIT SEVERAL DAYS TO RECEIVE THE VISAS. WHEN
DEPARTMENT OFFICER COMMENTED THAT NORMALLY THIS MEANT THAT
THE VISAS HAD ALREADY BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE, PRCLO
OFFICIAL SIMPLY REPEATED EARLIER FORMULATION. WE DOUBT
THAT PRCLO HAS RECEIVED ANY NEW GUIDANCE FROM PEKING AND
ASSUME THAT BEST COURSE IS FOR HARTS TO PURSUE VISA
APPLICATIONS THROUGH CTS IN HONG KONG. ROBINSON

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